

THE HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND ITS INTERESTS



MODISH COSTUME OF BROADCLOTH.

Frocks and wraps of white or pale lined broadcloth, which are so much in demand this season and so numerous a mong the "ready-to-wear" models, are excellent investments if offered at prices really low, for unless they have some perishable trimming, they will stand innumerable cleanings and keep their shape and modishness.

BIRTHSTONES USED IN FAVORS GIVEN BY BRIDAL COUPLE

Birthstones and birth flowers, fashioned into gifts for bridesmaids and groomsmen, are a fad among the wealthy this season. As an ornament for a ring or hatpin or as the whole design for a scarf pin or brooch, they give an opportunity for originality that adds to the intrinsic value of the presents and makes them more desirable because of their individuality. This new scheme in patterns is completed by having the remembrances for women and men as nearly alike as possible, so that the idea of decoration will be carried out where it is suitable, instead, for instance, of having young women receive bracelets, while the men are given cigarette boxes, as was formerly the custom.

If made of pearls or diamonds these gifts are expensive and for some of the big weddings \$200 is paid for each present, but the same idea may be worked out in gold or even silver, for \$10 and up, so that those who haven't hundreds of dollars to spend on these souvenirs have original ones for comparatively little expense.

In selecting gifts according to this plan of birthstone or flowers they may be symbolic of the month of the wedding, or, if desirable, of that in which either the bride or the bridegroom was born. For weddings in January the garnet is the appropriate stone, and can be worked up pretty into clusters for a man's scarf pin or as a brooch for a young woman. A narrow gold band with a high setting for the garnet is another pretty souvenir for the bride and groom, while a watch face of a cluster of garnets would be most appropriate for the groomsmen.

If desirable the seasons can also be worked into these original patterns, as can the flowers worn in certain months, whether they are the birth blossoms or not. What would be prettier than an orchid brooch made of pearls—a white one representing January or the peach and two pink pearl petals to give the flower natural appearance? A tiny gold stem adds a touch of warmth to the pin that is pleasing. A scarf pin designed in the same way would be most acceptable to any young man, whether he cared for pearls or for the flowers, because of its distinct artistic beauty.

Beautiful things can be fashioned out of diamonds in carrying out this fad if July is the birth month. A small sunburst of little diamonds is an ornament for the bridesmaid's hat or as a pendant on a necklace, and most useful for other occasions, while a scarf pin, a watch face of diamonds or a small finger ring with a single stone relieve the conventional black of the men's clothes and adds brightness and sparkle. Both these have been worn at a fashionable wedding this season.

Pendants of enamel with a pearl or birthstone in the center are decidedly pretty for the woman, but not so suitable for a man's use. Enamel violets in blue, with a diamond or pearl in the center, make beautiful brooches and rather attractive scarfpins.

For a June birthday the June roses with red enamel petals, or with white pearl petals, are daintily fashioned in any way.

If the bride or bridegroom has a particular love for animals and wishes the bridal party to have something that will always be a remembrance, tiny pearl or diamond horses would be acceptable as gifts and bear a distinct personality. This idea was carried further by a bride who rides horseback continually, her gift being a jewel horse with an enamel saddle, reins, etc., and the bridegroom gave a horse with a black enamel harness delicately but clearly outlined around the stones to his ushers.

Seal rings, with the birth flower surrounding the seal, on which the initials

WOMAN'S INQUIRY COLUMN

Letters to the Woman's Inquiry column are invited. They should be addressed to Editor Woman's Inquiry Column, Washington Times, and should reach the office before Saturday to insure an answer the following week.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

1. Please tell me if vaseline will make the hair grow?
2. Is it proper for a bride's friends to call on her first or is she expected to call on them?
3. Must she leave her husband's card with hers when making an afternoon call?
4. How can I make an inexpensive punch for ten people?
5. Is it necessary for one to take outdoor exercise every day?
6. Wednesday is my day at home. What can I do to entertain my friends, many of whom stay most of the afternoon?
7. One supposed to answer a letter two or three days after it is received?
MRS. M. G.

1. Vaseline rubbed well into the scalp at night is said to stimulate the growth of the hair.
2. The bride's friends should call on her first as soon as they know she is ready to receive them.
3. A married woman should always leave two of her husband's cards with one of hers when making a call, one for the hostess and one for her husband.
4. A delicious and inexpensive punch is composed of the juice of one dozen lemons and one-half dozen oranges. Sweeten this to taste and then mix with brandy to the desired quantity and strength. You will find it is given a much richer flavor if the juice is squeezed from the fruit the night before it is to be served and allowed to stand in a bowl to which a cup of strong tea has been added. Marshmallow cherries and a few banana slices added to this make a delicious punch for serving in the evening or at an afternoon at home.
5. Yes, it is essential to health that one should take a certain amount of outdoor exercise every day.
6. You might arrange a short literary or musical program, or perhaps your friends might enjoy a game of cards during the afternoon.
7. A letter should always be answered as soon as possible after its receipt. If every one realized the value of a prompt reply we would all have more friends.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:
Can you advise me how to keep a persistent younger brother and sister out of the parlor when I have guests? It is not always convenient to bribe them with caramels, and mamma won't keep them out.
MARTHA C. W.

About as good a way as any to keep these ever present youngsters out of the parlor is to make believe that they are doing you a favor by staying. That is the way I manage some people. Impress upon them that it is their duty to stay and help you, and it will soon become mighty distasteful to them.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

What is the most efficient way of remedying an oily forehead and nose? Also premature wrinkles and falling hair? I have been using orange flower cream during the past six months without benefit. Is the cream conducive to the oiliness of the skin?
MRS. J. P. C.

Creams tend to make some skins oily. Try washing your face in water in which borax has been dissolved. This has a drying effect on the skin if used in large enough proportions.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

(1) I am not very stout, but would like to grow stouter. What kind of baths are best for me? (2) After taking a hot bath followed by a cold one, I feel very tired and would like to possibly take cold?
J. M. E.

(1) I do not know that baths have much to do with the weight. It is said that hot baths will reduce flesh, but I do not know that there is any kind prescribed to add to it. Try drinking a lot of water and milk and eating rather starchy foods, such as potatoes and cereals. (2) It depends upon your constitution. If you are strong and healthy you would probably never feel the effects. I know I frequently do this and never take cold, but I would not like to advise such treatment for a delicate person, or one who is liable to contract a cold easily.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

Kindly advise me as to the best time and correct manner in which to use a complexion brush. Do you think it is better to use it frequently? Is it advisable to use one of the higher priced brushes made of red rubber, or will the cheaper kind made of black rubber do as well?
A. L. P.

The face brush should be used at night before retiring and you should be careful to have the better grade of rubber, though it is a little more expensive.

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2. I have been biting my nails for years and have tried time and again but cannot discontinue it. Is there any cure?
The only cure I know of is will power—stop it. You would better go to see a good manicure about your nails, I should think. Systematic treatment for some time is about the only thing that will put them in a presentable shape again. If you will send me a self-addressed stamped envelope I will tell you how to manicure.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:
I have dark brown hair and it is beginning to turn gray in front and especially on the right side. Can you suggest some hair dressing and remedy to use that will make it retain its color at least for a few years yet?
A. M. A.

Massage of the head is good to prevent gray hair and tonics containing fats are also stimulating to the natural color. There is a little danger of over-applying too much oil, for that would make the head look unpleasant.

The method of applying varies with different persons. Some wet the tips of the fingers, and after parting the hair rub the scalp vigorously until all over has been gone over. A fine scalp brush is preferred by others, while a sponge is the selection of a third. Anything is good that will get over the scalp without making the long hair oily.

I know of no better tonics for the prevention of gray hair than rubbing the scalp with beef marrow pomade or rosemary unguent. Either may be made at home, and small quantities, that may be renewed frequently, are better than large.

The rosemary is made of one-half an ounce of oil of rosemary, one and one-half ounces of oil of almonds and eighteen drops of oil of mace. Mix and

apply every night. Beef marrow pomade is made of a teaspoonful of sweet olive oil to a gill of marrow. Melt and strain the marrow, then add the oil and a few drops of oil of mace. This will harden as it cools and should be kept in a glass or porcelain jar. It should be distinctly understood that neither of these is in the slightest degree a diet or merely feeds the scalp. A third food is made of one gill of oil of sweet almonds in which half an ounce of alkanet root, powdered, is put, both then being placed in a warm place in a bottle until the oil becomes a deep red. This will take twelve hours or so. Then strain and add four and three-quarters grains each of oil of cloves, mace and rose, a quarter of a dram of oil of cinnamon, perfuming with any oil one wishes, or the perfume may be omitted. With any one of these three the following may be alternated—that is to say, used every other night.

One and one-quarter ounces of tincture of cantharides, one and one-quarter ounces of Jamaica rum, one-quarter of an ounce of glycerine, one dram of sesqui-carbonate of ammonia and ten drops of oil of rosemary. Mingle thoroughly, and then add four and one-half ounces of distilled water. This is a tonic without being oily, and is therefore useful if nightly application of the others appears to be supplying too much grease.

Faithfully used these may prevent hair turning gray, although they will not restore color that is gone. There have been known cases where gray hair has been restored without the use of a dye, but these are exceptional, and only because those proportions making were supplied in precisely the exact proportions. A combination of red wine and iron will sometimes do this when there are gray spots or streaks. Sulphur or iron shampoos are the basis of all these so-called restorers and are undoubtedly valuable. This is made by dissolving three and three-quarters of an ounce of hot distilled water. When the acid is dissolved and the mixture cool, add one-quarter of an ounce of rectified spirits. When using dilute with twice the quantity of water, adding a few drops of spirits. It is used by rubbing the hair with a brush, as stains, as does the other.

A simpler combination for the same purpose is made by dissolving one ounce of iron in one quart of water, and adding a few drops of spirits. This is used by rubbing the hair with a brush, as stains, as does the other.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:
Please tell me something that will remove blackheads and pimples from the skin.
M. E. D.

The remedy given here was printed in the Washington Times, January 12, 1935, and is published again for your benefit. For blackheads and pimples, first be careful in your diet. Take a teaspoonful of phosphate of soda in hot water every morning before breakfast and drink a glassful of hot water every night before retiring. If you are strong and healthy you would probably never feel the effects. I know I frequently do this and never take cold, but I would not like to advise such treatment for a delicate person, or one who is liable to contract a cold easily.

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THE RAINY-DAY COSTUME.

The days of the water-proof and the gossamer are gone, their places to be taken by the tailored suits of fine quality and finish and high style water-weather only, but rather it is a stylish tailored affair for all occasions where the tailored suit is permissible, possessed of the fact that it is a water-proof quality, which fact creates no fear in the heart of the wearer when caught in a sudden shower. The lines of the once popular Norfolk jacket are followed in this jacket, the fronts cut low and finished with a shawl collar, which widens perceptibly at the bust line. The skirt is cut with eleven gores, each gore having a stitched welt seam graduating from knee depth in front to a little below the hip line in the back, both the coat and the jacket stitched with heavy black silk in double rows, the fastening of the jacket made with black bone buttons, the lining a pearl-gray taffeta.

Self-Help.

Owing to circumstances which are not germane to this history, Ethel's mistress had to spend a week in London, and, having returned, she was making some necessary inquiries.

"I hope you looked after the canaries, the parrot, and the cat while I was away," she said.

"Oh, yes, mum," said Ethel. And then she wept. "B-but one d-day," she sobbed, "I forgot to give the cat her dinner."

"Well, well," said the mistress, "don't cry, don't suppose that did any harm." "No," but she went and "elped" herself, mum," Ethel explained. "She ate the parrot and the canaries!"—Home Chat.

A Futute King.

Some interesting stories of Prince Edward, the eldest son of the Prince of Wales, are told in the Treasury Magazine Christmas number. The young prince, says the writer, on one occasion was asked by a little girl whom he met out at tea where he lived. "We live near Whiteley's," added the child proudly. "Ah," replied Prince Edward, with interest, "that's curious. We live near Gorrington."—Home Chat.

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